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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

a 1 Please amend Claims 3, 4, and 6 as follows:

a 2 *b1* *b2* --3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said membrane is a stainless steel fiber web.

a 2 *b1* 4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, said method comprising the step of providing fuel to said membrane during the regeneration period.

a 2 *b1* 6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:
- monitoring the pressure across said membrane during the filtration period.--

Please add new claims 9 through 15 as follows:

a 3 *b1* 9. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said membrane is a stainless steel fiber web.

10. (New) A method according to claim 2, said method comprising the step of